

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIE
MAE KIRK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary person, Mrs. Willie Mae Kirk.

Mrs. Kirk attended what now is known as Huston-Tillotson University, where she met her husband Lee Kirk. Lee and Willie Mae Kirk became the proud parents of four children. Mrs. Kirk served as a teacher for 32 years, where she championed equal opportunities for her students in East Austin and also helped lead protests against segregation at Austin businesses, schools and Barton Springs Pool. As a teacher, she lived a committed life ensuring the future of young Americans was a bright one.

Mrs. Kirk was a leader in her community and played an important role in Austin politics for over five decades. In her younger years she worked to repeal the poll tax and register African Americans to vote. Even late in life, she continued to speak out about how minorities were treated in Austin, particularly in the wake of police shootings. Last year, the city of Austin named the Willie Mae Kirk Branch library in her honor.

It is with great respect and admiration that I ask this esteemed body to keep her son, former Mayor of Dallas and former United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk and the rest of the Kirk family in our hearts and prayers. May we all rejoice in having known such a great woman and cherish both her memory and her legacy.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, October 10th will mark the 102nd Anniversary of the Wuchang uprising, which led to the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on January 1, 1912. The people of Taiwan pay tribute to this anniversary, known as the National Day of the Republic of China, through celebrations, parades, and fireworks, befitting its importance as a national holiday. Due to our cooperative and warm relationship over these many decades, it is also a special occasion worthy of tribute by this Congress as well.

This important anniversary also provides an opportunity for Congress to contemplate the current state of our bilateral relationship with Taiwan and to take proactive steps to enhance it.

In this rapidly evolving global economy, and with Taiwan's economic importance only growing, I believe now is the time for our two nations to further enhance economic and trade relations, such as the US considering a Bilateral Investment Agreement with Taiwan. Taiwan is already the 10th largest trading partner with the US and I urge the Administration to conclude this bilateral agreement as soon as possible.

Concurrently, the US Trade Representative recently wrapped up the 19th round of nego-

tiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. I believe it's vitally important that this Agreement between the United States and Asian Pacific nations include Taiwan. My hope is for Taiwan to join the agreement expeditiously.

Finally, I look forward to continue to work toward a deepened relationship with Taiwan to achieve greater prosperity for both nations, and hope that such work can be undertaken through official diplomatic visits to the U.S. from Taiwan officials without obstruction.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Tony

Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the "Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act".

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine rebuilding American manufacturing.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the "America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act" (America COMPETES), focusing on scientific research and the United States economy.

SR-253

OCTOBER 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump.

SR-328A

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Syria.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine reversing Iran's nuclear program.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, and Beth Labson Freeman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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